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The annual meeting of the Huntington Creek Distribution System was called to order by Chairman Lee McElprang at 11:15 a.m. Kay Jensen read the minutes from the 2005 meeting. A motion was made by Craig Johansen, and seconded by Darrell Leamaster, to accept the minutes. The motion passed.

The next item of business to come before the water users was the Commissioner's Report, which was given by Mr. Kay Jensen. He indicated that 2005 was a good water year with water deliveries made at 0.33 acre-feet/share. The reservoirs (Millers Flat, Rolfson, Huntington and Cleveland) are presently holding a total of 7,000 acre feet which is more than double the amount held at this same time in 2005. The water outlook for 2006 appears to be above average.

Repair work for the Huntington Reservoir outlet was completed in August 2005. Also, at that time a large flume was installed with real time monitoring to measure and record outflow from the Huntington Reservoir. Water was not released from Huntington Reservoir until September 2005. All four reservoirs have parshall flumes and computer monitoring to measure and record outflows. The Cleveland and Huntington Reservoir outlet gates have been automated. They will be tested and utilized in 2006 if all works well. Automation of gates controlling the head diversions into the canals in the Huntington-Cleveland system was started in 2004 and 2005 and will continue in 2006. Four gates will be automated this year. Mr. Lee Sim asked for comments on other water users that are part of the distribution system. Mr. Jensen stated the upper diversions as well as the lower diversions all have flumes for measuring flow. There was some discussion on the responsibilities of the Water Commissioner verses the responsibilities of the irrigation company secretary. Mr. Jensen asked for a clarification of duties in letter form. Craig Johansen questioned the total numbers for the June report on the HCIC Huntington Canal on page 21 of the report. Cody Allred asked how the numbers were generated. Mr. Jensen stated that the State's computer program generates the totals and he did not know why they were shown in error. The daily readings were correct. Mr. Jensen also noted that the page numbering in the report was in error. Craig Johansen asked for a summary of the total water diverted. The following summary was given:

29,257 ac-ft	– Cleveland Canal
6,845 ac-ft	– Huntington Canal
4,750 ac-ft	– North Ditch
10,328 ac-ft	– PacifiCorp
228 ac-ft	– Rowley Diversion
<u>351 ac-ft</u>	– Seely Diversion
52,564 ac-ft	– Total

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Darrell Leamaster noted that this total does not include water delivered to the municipalities. Earl Fillmore asked if the total included Project water. Mr. Jensen stated that it did not. Craig Johansen asked if Nielson Construction was using water and if that was included in the total. Darrell Leamaster answered that the water trucks loaded at their shop were included in the municipal reports. Mr. Jensen answered that the water loaded from a pond near their shop was not being recorded. A request was made that a record be kept on the load outs from the pond. Some additional discussion related to monitoring flows in the upper portion of the Huntington drainage. Mr. Allred noted that is not possible to obtain accurate measurements once snow and ice are on the ground. Measurements are accurate from just after runoff to the date when snowfall and ice set in. Mr. Allred asked if there was a standard for the Water Commissioner's Report. Mr. Sim indicated that they were working towards a standard. Mr. Sim asked Mr. Jensen to include a summary of total water usage in next years report. A motion was made by Darce Guymon, and seconded by Dennis Ward, to accept the Commissioner's Report. The vote was unanimous.

It should be noted that as of the date of this meeting, the Mammoth-Cottonwood SNOTEL site recorded 114% of average. The Red Pine station recorded 130%, and the Seely Creek Station recorded 120% of average.

The next item of business was reviewing any concerns or comments related to the commissioner's work for 2005 or recommending the appointment of the Water Commissioner. Vernell Rowley nominated Eugene Winder for appointment as Water Commissioner. Lee McElprang seconded the motion. Dennis Ward nominated Kay Jensen for re-appointment as Water Commissioner. Chairman McElprang asked if there were any other nominations. None were given. Craig Johansen made the motion that nominations cease. Darce Guymon seconded the motion. Mr. McElprang asked if the committees votes could be submitted in writing. Mr. Sim indicated that they could. Mr. Jensen mentioned that the municipal users were not represented on the committee. Mr. Allred recommended that the committee for 2006 should be finalized before taking a vote for water commissioner. Mr. Guymon made a motion to add Darrell Leamaster to the committee to represent the municipal users and to reappoint the remaining committee members that served in 2005. Jay Mark Humphrey seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. Mr. Johansen seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote. The committee is as follows:

Lee McElprang	Chairman
Darce Guymon	Vice Chairman/Industrial Representative
Kay Jensen	Secretary
Craig Johansen	Committee Member/Lower Users
Vernell Rowley	Committee Member/Upper Users
Darrell Leamaster	Committee Member/Municipal Users

Lee Sim indicated that the secretary to the committee is not a voting member of the committee. Mr. Jensen offered to step outside the room if the committee wanted to discuss the Water Commissioner nominations. The committee indicated that they would like Mr. Jensen to step outside. Mr. Jensen left the room.

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Mr. Allred asked if Eugene Winder was willing and capable of doing the job as Water Commissioner. Mr. Rowley indicated that Mr. Winder is willing and able. Dennis Ward made the comment that Mr. Winder should be to this meeting if he wanted the job. Earl Fillmore stated that it was his understanding the Mr. Winder would accept the job but he was at work today driving truck. Mr. McElprang also stated that it was his understanding the Mr. Winder would accept the position. Mr. Guymon stated the Mr. Jensen is also interest in keeping the job as Water Commissioner. Lee Sim clarified the salary for the Water Commissioner position. Craig Johansen asked what are the specific duties of the Water Commissioner. Mr. Sim indicated that the Water Commissioner was to administer, regulate and monitor diversions. Mr. Ward raised the concern that Mr. Winder may not have time to do the job. Mr. Johansen raised the same concern. The vote was taken and Mr. Winder received 3 votes to 2 votes for Mr. Jensen. Mr. Jensen was invited back into the meeting. Mr. Sim indicated to Mr. Jensen that the committee had recommended to the State that Mr. Winder be appointed Water Commissioner. Mr. Jensen left the meeting. Several additional individuals also left the meeting.

Chairman McElprang requested that Lee Sim review the 2005 Financial Statement. Mr. Sim indicated that on January 1, 2005, there was \$5,075.85 in the Trust Account. Receipts for the year totaled \$23,185.68, which included \$22,842.78 in regular assessments, \$330.45 in interest, and \$12.45 in penalties. Expenditures totaled \$21,259.20, which included \$10,242.59 in budgeted expenditures and \$11,016.61 in special expenditures. There was a balance of \$7,002.33 in the Trust Account on December 31, 2005. Mr. Sim also indicated that the commissioner still owes \$1,746.21 to the account for funds spent for his insurance. Mr. Sim indicated that Darce Guymon made a motion to accept the Financial Statement. Craig Johansen seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Chairman McElprang indicated that the next item of business was the preparation of a budget for 2006. After some discussion, the following budget was prepared:

Commissioner's Salary	\$12500.00
Social Security	956.00
Retirement	1756.00
Contractual Services (Travel Expense)	3000.00
State Engineer's Assessment	1492.00
Insurance	168.00
Annual Report	150.00
Miscellaneous	400.00
Total	\$20,422.00

Craig Johansen made a motion to accept the budget as proposed. The motion was seconded by Darce Guymon. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

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Mr. Sim stated that there was an error in making the assessments last year in the amount of \$5,600.41. The Cottonwood Creek Distribution System was assessed this additional amount instead of the Huntington Creek Distribution System. The correction will be made with this year's assessment. A motion was made to set the assessment at \$26,000.00 by Darce Guymon, and seconded by Craig Johansen. The motion passed.

Mr. Sim discussed the enforcement procedures and penalties available to the State Engineer in the performance of his duties. A pamphlet entitled "A Brief Explanation of Water Rights Enforcement Procedures" was distributed to all in attendance at the meeting.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:20 p.m.

Those present at the meeting included the following:

Lee McElprang	Chairman
Kay Jensen	Commissioner/HCIC Secretary
Craig Johansen	Lower Huntington Creek Users
Cody Allred	PacifiCorp
Darce Guymon	PacifiCorp
Jay Mark Humphrey	Emery Water Conservancy District
Earl Fillmore	Huntington Creek Water User
Vernell Rowley	Huntington Creek Water User
Darrell Leamaster	Castle Valley Special Service District
Gary Kofford	Emery County Commissioner
Dennis Ward	Huntington-Cleveland Irrigation Company
Jim Majors	Self
Jimmy Sherman	Self
Karl Jensen	Self
Anita Sitterud	Self
Sherrel D. Ward	Self
Lee Sim	Division of Water Rights
John Larsen	Division of Water Rights
Marc Stilson	Division of Water Rights
Mike Silva	Division of Water Rights